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## **Change of Charge for Construction Battalion Unit 414**

Groton, CT. - LT Cliff Smith will be relieved by CWO2 Brian K. Kingman as Officer in Charge (OIC) of Construction Battalion Unit 414 (CBU 414) in a Change of Charge ceremony at Admiral Fife Recreational Park, Stonington, CT., Friday, April 21 at 9 a.m.

CAPT H. A. Lincoln Jr., Commanding Officer, Naval Submarine Base New London, will be the ceremony's guest speaker.

During his tour, Smith led CBU 414 in the completion of many significant projects including the hand-laid stone wall along Grayling Avenue, a newly constructed salt shed located behind the base's transportation building, the elevated jogging track project in Morton Hall Gymnasium and the Bledsoe Hall renovation project.

Smith, a native of Elizabethtown, KY, will transfer to Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point, N.C as an assistant Resident Officer in Charge of Construction.

Kingman, born and raised in Des Moines, Iowa, enlisted in the Navy in 1982. In 1992, he was promoted to Chief Petty Officer and in 1999 was commissioned to Chief Warrant Officer while attached to CBU 405, at Naval Air Station, North Island, San Diego, CA.

CBU 414 has completed hundreds of projects on and off Subase since its inception 29 years ago. The "Can Do" spirit of the Seabees not only enhances the military's role in the local community but also provides a back-up alert force, conducts snow removal operations, supports Navy Day celebrations and participates in the POW/MIA memorial service.

***Editor's note: Media partners desiring to cover this event should contact the Navy New London Public Affairs Office no later than 3 p.m. April 20.***

***Admiral Fife Recreation Park is located in Stonington, CT., on Route 1, between North Main Street and Flanders Road.***

